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Volume 420

Letters Sent by Headquarters to Mints
and other Offices.

1917 Philadelphia Mint
July 1 - December 31.

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LETTERS SENT, 1873-1917

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July 7, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at
San Francisco fifty ounces of proof gold.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1917.

Subject - Advance of funds.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918	- - - - -	\$ 9,000
Wages of Workmen, do 1918	- - - - -	40,000
Contingent Expenses do 1918	- - - - -	3,000
do do 1917	- - - - -	8,000
Increase of Compensation, Treasury Department, 1918	- - - - -	<u>2,500</u>
		\$62,500

It has been necessary to reduce the amount requested under the 1917 Contingent appropriation as certain repayments have not yet reached the books of the Treasury; it is suggested that your August requisition carry an item under this appropriation unless the funds are needed at an earlier date.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

July 10, 1917.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania R.R. Company for transportation of envelopes from Carrollton, Ohio April 24, 1917, printed tags from Washington May 11, 1917 and scratch pads from Washington May 12, 1917, \$1.98; also for transportation of smelting furnace and parts from Jersey City May 10, 1917 \$39.60; total \$41.58 has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1917 contingent appropriation.

If the cost of shipping the smelting furnace should have been paid by the contractors, Hamilton and Hansell, when settling with them for the furnace this payment for freight should be deducted from the amount of the bill.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By,

N. McReilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1917.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The new payroll forms have not yet been received from the printer, the delay being due to congestion of work in the printing office.

Until they are received use the old forms, placing the period of service from _____ to _____ in the caption and using the columns under From and To for stating the regular and increase amounts, and following generally explanation in Bureau letter of June 20th.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

C O P Y

July 11, 1917
~~March 24, 1917.~~

SUBJECT: Exchange of Silver.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose 23.15 ounces of reduced silver, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in granulated silver for parting.

Respectfully,

B. M. Reilly
Director of the Mint.

FED-W

Enclosure,

July 12, 1917.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By

M. McReilly
Acting Director.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

FED.

, July 14, 1917.

SUBJECT: Request for Report of Operations.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. ✓
Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

I enclose to you herewith for your information and guidance ,
Circular letter issued by the Secretary of the Treasury under date
October 10th, relating to the preparation of annual reports.

Therefore, you will please prepare and forward your report of
operations at the earliest practicable moment.

Respectfully,

R. T. BAKER,

Director of the Mint.

By

M. McRully

Acting Director.

July 13, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose the light weight dime from delivery
214 which weighed 36.77 grains. I would thank you
to weigh and return it to this Office.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By

M. McKelley

Acting Director.

RPD.

July 13, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant enclosing granulated silver for parting, in exchange for 23.15 ounces received by you from this Office.

Please correct the date of Bureau letter, asking for the silver, to July 11, 1917, and oblige me.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By

M. McReilly
Acting Director.

July 19-1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 65.75 grams of cornets for which
I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof
gold in strips.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By, *M. M. O'Reilly*
Acting Director of the
Mint.

FPD.

July 24, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose silver bar weighing 34.55 oz.
resulting from the melting of special assay
coin scrap for the second quarter 1917. I
would thank you to forward the usual memo of
its value so that it may be distributed among
the mints.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint.

By,

[Signature]
Acting Director.

July 24, 1917.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith bar of metal received from Mrs. B. Manzy, of Taft, Mexico also note enclosed with said bar.

Please treat this bar and forward to her check for its value less treatment charges.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint.

By,

[Signature]
Acting Director.

July 24, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of 65.75
grams of proof gold this day received from
your institution.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By,

Acting Director.

July 24, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter dated July 20, you are hereby authorized to purchase from the Safe-Cabinet Co., Marietta, Ohio, one #84 S-Scientist Model Safe Cabinet, equipped with twelve steel drawers, cost of same being \$455.43, for filing original tracings of equipment etc. in your machinery department, it being understood that the cabinet mentioned is best suited for your purposes.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By, Acting Director.

, July 24, 1917.

SUBJECT: Mint Operations.

Comptroller, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

On the Coiner's statement of operations - Form 901 - for the fiscal year
, I notice that he reports the fine weight of coin produced at 119,855.753
for gold and 8,462,524.12 ozs. for silver. From these figures it is pre-
sented that he includes the weight of coins struck for other countries and, if
is the case, attention is directed to the foot-note on the form in ques-
is
tion, and the Coiner requested to prepare an amended statement accordingly,
showing, particularly, the amount of bullion and metal used in domestic coin-

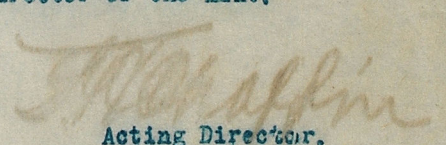
This amendment will probably increase his percentage of coin product for
United States, as it is now lower as compared with those of the other

Respectfully,

R. T. BAKER,

Director of the Mint.

By


Acting Director.

July 24, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter this day received, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, by the President of the Civil Service Commission regarding examinations for promotion taken by Charles J. Davis, Robert S. Graham, Hibberd Ott and Miss Dorothea Schemp; the rating attained being 58.00, 76.05, 58.50 and 73.30 respectively.

Mr. Graham and Miss Schemp having attained the rating of at least 70% are eligible for promotion.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By,

J. H. Chaffin
Acting Director.

July 24, 1917.

Subject Accounts.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

By certificate of deposit No. 7499 dated July 6, 1917, there has been placed to your credit the sum of \$900.90 on account of stamped envelope dies manufactured for the Post Office Department.

The amount has been placed to the credit of your appropriations as follows:

Wages of Workmen, 1917 - - - - -	\$853.58
Contingent Expenses, 1917 - - - - -	47.32

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By

J. Schaffin
Acting Director.

July 26, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 18, recommending that Frank McGucken be stricken from the rolls I beg to advise you that the Civil Service Commission has returned the recommendation, with a notation that charges will have to be preferred against McGucken, in accordance with Civil Service rules.

Inasmuch as you stated that McGucken is employed in the navy yard in Philadelphia the easiest way to clear up the matter would be to obtain his resignation.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By,

Acting Director.

July 26, 1917.

Subject - Furnace contract.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

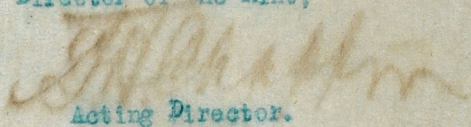
With reference to the contract with Hamilton & Hansell for an electric furnace I have to request that the proposal and specifications, made a part of the contract, be forwarded to support the original now in this office.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

July 26, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.,

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith letter received from the George B. Newton Coal Company.

Under date of June 11, you submitted a bid of \$8.50 per ton made by this company and stated that you did not care to make any recommendation as to its acceptance as you considered it a very high price.

You will observe from their letter that the Government has regulated the price of bituminous coal F.O.B. mines since their bid and they now quote the price of \$7.00 per ton, delivered at the mint in Philadelphia.

Please advise me whether you consider this price satisfactory and whether you will desire to make a contract at this figure.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By,

[Signature]
Acting Director.

July 28, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find receipt and one
dime forwarded to this Bureau from delivery #214.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By,

J. H. [Signature]
Acting Director.

Enclosure.

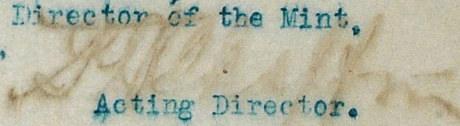
July 28, 1917.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of July 26,
you are authorized to contract with the George
B. Newton Coal Co., Philadelphia, for approximately
two hundred tons of Twin Rock coal at a price of
\$7.00 per ton of 2240 lbs. delivered at the Mint
in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By, 
Acting Director.

July 28, 1917.

All Offices:

I am enclosing herewith circular of instructions with reference to estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1919 and have to request that these printed instructions be followed as closely as possible and that these estimates be prepared and forwarded to this Bureau so that they may be received not later than Aug. 15.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By,

F. C. Hall
Acting Director.

IA
TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,



July 30, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Renewal bonds of Higley and Hollowbush
due in August. Do you wish penalty changed? account
changed designation?

Chapman
Acting Director Mint.

BUSINESS:

MENT RATES.

REASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contin. Expenses. Mint Bureau 1918.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

S. Assay Office
Washington, D.C.

Same weighing, under separate cover,
registered mail, 54.7 grams of Gold, which will
exchange for gold coin.

Vaughley,

Ross Allen Baker,

Mound, Minnesota

Respectfully referred to the Superintendent of the
U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, with the request that the enclosed
bullion be treated and the proceeds less charges forwarded to
Ross Allen Baker, Mound, Minnesota.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By,

Acting Director.

Enc.

, July 30, 1917.

SUBJECT: Mint Operations.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Re:

In preparing your report covering the operations of your Mint I
would be pleased to have you forward therewith photographs of the quar-
ter dollar of new design and also of its modification as authorized by
the Act of Congress of July 9th, 1917, for insertion in the coming report
of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. BAKER,

Director of the Mint.

By

F. V. Chaffin
Acting Director.

July 30, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise me by return mail in what amounts you desire the penal sums of bonds to be given by David R. Higley, promoted from melter to Foreman of the Melting Room and Henry Hollowbush promoted from helper to Foreman of Melting, given.

Please also advise me on what date Robert S. Graham took oath as Clerk and whether you desire any change in the penal sum of his new bond.

The penal sums of present bonds of the above named persons is \$1,000 each.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By, *[Signature]*
Acting Director.

July 31, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copies of letters written to the Treasurer, requesting the transfer of the value of special assay coins from the respective mints to the bullion account of your Mint. The balance of the value of the bar, as reported in your letter of the 30th instant, \$24.60, together with the addition of \$1.85 of the balance now due the Bureau laboratory on this account, will make the total of the ~~amount~~ value of the special assay coins sent by you to this Bureau during the second quarter of the fiscal year 1917.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint

By

Acting Director.

August 1, 1917.

RECEIVED: Printed Forms and Record Books.

Comptroller, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.
Comptroller, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. ✓
Comptroller, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Owing to the unusually heavy demands upon the Public Printer for all
sorts of printing and bindery work, it is suggested that you will prepare
forward your requisition for printed forms and record books as early as
conveniently can.

Ordinarily, your requisition would be filled within three months, but
at present conditions it will take from four to five months and proba-
bly longer, before the supplies may reach their destination.

Respectfully,

R. T. BAKER,

Director of the Mint.

By

[Signature]
Acting Director.

August 1, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from Mr. R.E. Fuiga, representing the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, requesting certain information with regard to minting.

Please furnish through this office such information as is called for that may be readily accessible.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By,

Acting Director.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

REWRITTEN:

Washington,



August 3, 1917.

Comptroller Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Please forward twenty-five pairs quarter dollar
dies to Mint Denver.

[Signature]
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1918.

BUSINESS.

INSTRUMENT RATES.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

August 3, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your requests of the 11th of July and the 2nd of August, you are hereby authorized to order from the publishers, at their regular prices, the following publications:-

"Metallurgical and Chemical Engineering" for the year beginning July 1, 1917, from the McGraw Publishing Company, ----- \$5.00

"National Counterfeit Detector" for the year beginning July 1, 1917, from Gamat, Bushnell Co., \$3.00

"Bankers Directory, July, 1917, and January, 1918 editions, Rand-McNally Co., -----per copy \$6.00

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Assay Office in Carson is in need of an ore crusher, pulverizer and a 3 H.P. motor. Will you please advise me whether you have any of the above named machinery which can be spared by you for transfer to Carson?

That office is in need of such machinery in connection with ore assaying but with their limited contingent fund, the Assayer in Charge is unable to purchase new machinery.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.



, August 3, 1917.

SUBJECT. Negative of the Quarter-dollar.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 2nd instant, I would state that you will furnish a negative of the modified design of the quarter-dollar it will be satisfactory.

I have been advised that the negative of the quarter-dollar of the new design, furnished last October, will answer the intended purpose.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

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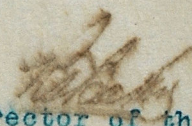
August 4, 1917.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Superintendent
of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, as soon
as possible, ten reverse Philippine twenty-
centavo dies.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

File

August 6, 1917.

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please have prepared and forwarded
to the Mint at San Francisco, as soon as
practicable, the following Dies:

Double Eagles -	10	Obverse-----	Dies
Eagles -----	10	Obverse & 4 Reverse	"
Half Eagles----	10	" & 9 "	"

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1917.

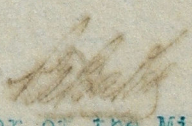
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please have prepared and forwarded to
the Mint at Denver, the following dies for
gold coinage:

Double Eagles-----	10 pairs
Eagles -----	5 "
Half Eagles -----	5 "

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

, August 7, 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage.

Comptroller, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Please inform me by return mail, if any United States uncurrent
coins were used in your reported gold coinage during the fiscal
year 1917 and, if so, how much, in fine ounces.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1917.

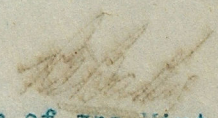
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith bonds for
execution by the following named em-
ployees in your institution:

David R. Highley,
Robert S. Graham,
Henry Hollowbush.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1917.

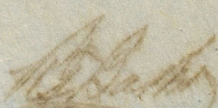
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance of funds
to you to meet the expenses of your in-
stitution has been approved in sums as
follow:

Salaries-----	1918-	\$6,000.
Wages of Workmen-----	1918-	30,000.
Contingent Expenses--	1918-	12,000.
Increase of Compens-		
ation, Treas. Dept.-	1918-	2,500.
Total		<u>\$50,500.</u>

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

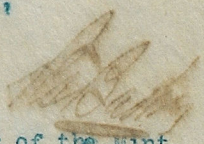
Sir:

I have this day forwarded to you fourteen bronze medals
and beg to request that in return you will forward to the
Bureau the following medals struck in the Scovill bronze:-

Washington	-----2	} ---Presidential
Benjamin Harrison	-----1	
McKinley	-----1	
Roosevelt	-----1	
Taft	-----1	
Von Engelken	-----1	
Great Seal	-----1	

The above medals are to be used to complete the set
of medals lent by you to the Bureau. I will appreciate
your courtesy in exchanging the duplicates sent to you to-
day for the medals enumerated above.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

August 10, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The enclosed package containing gold leaf is sent to you with the request that, if practicable, return of the value be made to the sender, Mrs. Mary E. Sherman. The depositor has been advised that such quantity of material is not necessarily receivable by you, but that in this case you will be asked to allow what is possible, and make payment to her by check sent directly.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By

[Handwritten Signature]
Acting Director.

August 14, 1917.

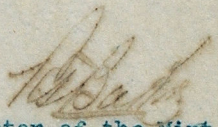
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of eight
bronze medals forwarded by you to the Bureau to
complete the set now in the office.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in
the matter.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

N, August 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage operations.

Comptroller, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Referring to pages 11 and 12 of your report of operations, I noticed
that 1,500,000 nickel coins made for Salvador during last October appear,
an oversight, to have been omitted and, evidently, this will change
the figures of pieces coined and their value.

Please furnish amended pages (11 and 12) of your report, or such other
as you may deem necessary to enable me to make the required changes.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant
I beg to say that Mr. Dare and Mr. Murphy are en-
titled to the increase in compensation accorded
employees in the service prior to July 1st, in
application to their present rate of pay, as they
are not temporary employees.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1917.

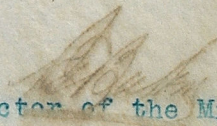
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a list of officials designated to pass upon applications for exemption from military service of employees under the Treasury Department in the various states. These designations are made by the Secretary under the provision of Executive Order of July 28, 1917.

Please notify the employees of your office that Hon. William. E. Berry, Collector of Customs, has been designated for this service in your city.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON.

Office of Disbursing Clerk

July 9, 1917.

Memoranda Relative to Preparation of Pay Rolls and Vouchers
Involving the 5% or 10% Increase of Compensation.

Increases are only provided for employees of the Treasury Department whose salaries are paid out of appropriations made by legislative, executive and judicial or sundry civil appropriation act for the fiscal year 1918. Deficiency, special or permanent appropriations or funds do not carry the increases.

"Increase of Compensation, Treasury Department, 1918" is a separate appropriation and must be disbursed and accounted for as such. It is therefore necessary that in case of each payment involving the increase there be shown separately the amount of the regular compensation, the amount of the increase of compensation and the total.

A supplement to the Government salary tables showing the increases on all amounts up to \$1800 per annum is now in the hands of the printer and will be distributed shortly. Amounts due on account of the increase of compensation may be easily calculated, however, by the following method. If the regular salary is less than \$1200 per annum, move the decimal point one place to the left in the regular table. If the fraction is one half of a cent or more add one cent to the amount; if less than one half more the fraction. If the regular salary is \$1200 or more, use the table for an amount which is one-half the regular salary and move the decimal point one place to the left as above.

The amounts paid on the mid-month pay roll should be the exact amounts shown due by the salary tables under the regular salary and under the increase of compensation. The amounts paid at the end of the month should be the exact amounts shown by the salary tables for the particular month less the amounts paid on the mid-month pay roll.

Especial care should be exercised in calculating salaries for irregular periods. The correct rule is to take the amount shown by the salary tables for the last day of the period under consideration. (If that day is the last day of the month take the total for that particular month.) From this amount subtract the amount shown by the salary table to include the last day before the period in question. For example, to ascertain the regular salary at \$1000 per annum from the 21st to the 26th inclusive. From \$69.44 (the amount shown for the last day of the period) subtract \$55.56 (the amount shown for the last day before the period in question), which leaves \$13.88, the correct amount due. It is a common error to begin at the top of the table and take the amount shown by the table for the number of days under consideration. In this case the table shows \$13.89 for the first five days of the month so that if this method were used an over payment of one cent would result.

Respectfully referred for your information, S.R. JACOBS

Disbursing Clerk.

Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1917.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

If you can make the necessary arrangements I think it will be advisable to have the meeting of Superintendents take place in San Francisco on September 12th.

I am writing a similar letter to Mr. Bovie, and upon return reply from each of you I will notify the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, and the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

I would be glad to have your opinion as to the advisability of meeting in Denver on the way out, or upon your return from San Francisco. Mr. Bovie is to be authorized to have the Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department of his Office attend the meetings, and Mr. Shanahan will be requested to arrange to have Mr. Wagor, the Superintendent of the Refinery of the San Francisco Mint, also present at Denver.

Please let me hear from you as promptly as practicable.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith letter received from the Consul General Of Peru who desires an estimate on certain coinage for his Government.

On July 17, 1917, you forwarded to the Bureau an estimate covering coinage of the same denominations, in accordance with the request of the Charge d'Affaires of Peru. The composition of the coins was given as 75% copper and 25% nickel. The Bureau is this day in receipt of a confirmation from the Consul General of his request for an estimate on coins of the denomination of 20 and 10 centavo pieces of pure nickel, and upon the 5 centavo piece of 75% copper and 25% nickel.

With your revised estimate please return the letter of the Consul General to the Bureau.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Aug. 21, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry concerning settlement for copper purchased from the Navy Department and payable from your 1917 Contingent appropriation, I beg to advise that the account will be settled by transfer between appropriations, made by the Auditor.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

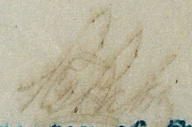
Aug. 21 1917

Superintendent Mint of U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to
the Mint at San Francisco as soon as possible twenty pairs
of Dime Dies.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1917.

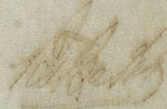
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant accompanying six medals of the President. Please accept my thanks for the same.

I am forwarding herewith six medals which are duplicates of those now in the Bureau, and have to request that you will accept them in exchange for the medals sent here on Saturday.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant relative to the result of the trial of the electric furnace recently installed in your Mint.

The report is most gratifying, and I shall hope for still better results from the use of the furnace when it has been in operation over an extended period.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1917.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the date set for conference.

I would like very much to defer the meeting at San Francisco until the latter part of the month of September, but, owing to demands upon my time here, it will be impracticable for me to do so. I trust, therefore, that you can adjust your arrangements, without serious inconvenience, so as to be in San Francisco on September 12th.

I am sure I need hardly assure you that I would meet your wishes if I could see my way clear to do so.

Very truly yours,



Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

United States Treasury Department.
Washington, D.C.

Aug 20 1917

San Francisco.

I have found enclosed checks for \$2.00 in payment for arranging 100 oz. sterling silver for which please send us checks to cover its value. We are sending above by American Express package thanking you for this favor we remain

Yours truly

T. H. Morrison
Mgr.

Respectfully referred to the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia. The silver referred to is forwarded by registered mail and the owners check returned with the advice that charges incurred will be deducted from ~~net~~ gross value of his deposit.

T. H. Morrison

Director of the Mint.

Washington, D.C.
Aug 25 1917

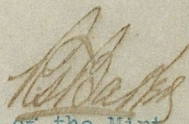
August 27, 1917.

Sir:

I enclose herewith seven samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold and for base metal, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

The samples are approximately 860 fine in gold and 132 fine in silver. I would also thank you to include the proof figures and the composition of the proofs in your report.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

FPD.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

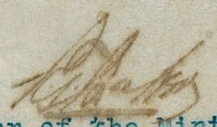
Aug 27 1917

Superintendent U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to request that you cause the profits on subsidiary silver and minor coins to be transferred as often as is necessary to keep the balances reported to this office on your cashier's daily statement and the statement rendered by you to the Treasurer as nearly in accord with each other as possible. At the present time your statement to the Treasurer does not show the actual coin available for shipment particularly in the case of minor coin. The demand for such coin is increasing and it is necessary, so far as practicable, that the amounts available in the various denominations be known daily.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

JHC

August 27, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

At your early convenience will you please review the price list of medals now sold at the Mint with a view to a revision of the same.

A casual examination of the list indicates that the prices for some of the medals are too high, and a revised list might be made which would bring the prices fixed for bronze medals within a more consistent range.

The prices of the silver medals may be too low, in view of the present price of silver.

I will be glad to have your recommendations.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

85

I enclose 23.35 ounces of silver reduced from
chloride, for which I would thank you to return an
equivalent in granulated silver for parting.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

FFD.

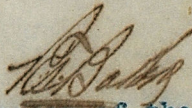
Aug 28 1917

Superintendent U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am advised by the Treasurer that the demands for subsidiary silver and minor coins are increasing. Reference to your daily statement discloses the fact that you have substantial balances of dimes and minor coin, but a small balance of quarter dollars. I anticipate the heavy demands will be for quarters, dimes and minor coin. I will therefore thank you to arrange for the coinage of those four denominations favoring quarters and one cent pieces until the balances show material increases.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

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August 31, 1917.

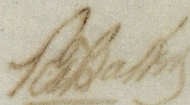
Subject: Colombian coinage.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry over the telephone in regard to the weight of the Quarter Conder, I beg to say that the weight as given in the transcript of the note received from the State Department, the original of which was sent to you on March 24th, 1917, gives the weight of the coin as "three grams and ninety-four milligrams". The weight given in the Monetary Systems is 3.9941 grams, and this you may regard as correct.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1917

SUBJECT: Assays of fine gold.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

FED-W

Enclosure.

August 31, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to employ such members
of your force as you deem absolutely necessary on over-
time for the purpose of meeting the demands of the
Department upon your Mint for coinage during the present
season.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

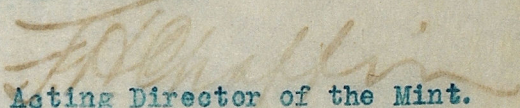
September 4, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please arrange to transfer your
crude bullion to the Assay Office at New
York, in lots approximating 10000 ounces
each week. As silver bullion is most
needed there, please favor that class of
bullion in making the shipments.

Respectfully,


Acting Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith 6 samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold and for base metal, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

I would also thank you to include the proof figures and the composition of the proofs in your report.

The following are the approximate finenesses:

- #1) - Gold 585
- 2) - Silver 316
- 3) - Gold 870
- 4) - Silver 121
- 5) - Gold 361
- 6) - Silver 228

Respectfully,

W. H. Chaffin
Director of the Mint.

✓
Inclosure

September 5, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your
letter enclosing 23.85 ounces of silver
in exchange for silver sent from the
Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By *[Signature]*
Acting Director.

September 6, 1917.

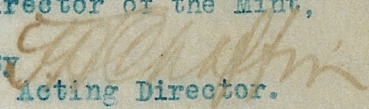
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at
San Francisco, as soon as possible, 20
obverse, 10 reverse half-dollar dies, and
10 reverse quarter-dollar dies.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By 
Acting Director.

September 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to conversation had between Director Baker and Superintendent Joyce, with reference to a motor for the Assay Office at Carson City, I beg to advise that they desire a three-phase, 220 volt, sixty-cycle motor for alternating current. Will you please advise me when this motor will be ready to ship.

The question of this motor was held up for the reason that the Mint at San Francisco notified the Bureau that they had in stock a three horsepower motor for direct current, and we have been waiting to hear from the office at Carson as to whether it would be suitable for their needs.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

[Signature]
Acting Director.

, September 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requisition for Records & Blank Forms.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. ✓
Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York City.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Wash'n.

Sir:

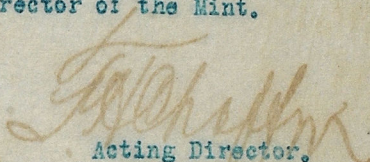
Your requisition for printing of records and blank forms has not as yet reached this Bureau in accordance with the suggestion in my letter of August 1st.

Respectfully,

R. T. BAKER,

Director of the Mint.

By


Acting Director.

MAH-

September 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded
to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to
your appropriations as indicated.

Bill of the Navy Department
for 10,000 pounds of cop-
per chargeable to your
1917 contingent appropri-
ation.....\$2500.

Bill of the Pennsylvania
Railroad Company for
transportation of envel-
opes from Rockville, June
28, 1917, chargeable to
your 1917 contingent appro-
priation..... 1.20

Bill of the Pennsylvania
Railroad Company for trans-
portation of stationery
from Washington, July 12,
1917, chargeable to your
1918 contingent appropri-
ation in the sum of..... 1.58

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

W. H. C. H. H.
Acting Director.

September 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a token piece or trade coin left at the Bureau by a Member of the United States Food Administration. With its return to the Bureau please give me any available information, and oblige,

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

[Handwritten signature]
Acting Director.

Enclosure

September 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you kindly have the clerk who prepares forms four and seven for forwarding to this office arrange them as per the enclosed (without use of the paper fastener), as this arrangement will make material saving of time in this office in examining the vouchers.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

September 7, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith package of
dental scrap from Creath and Boone of Ottumwa,
Iowa.

Please treat this bullion and forward
your check for its value, less treatment charge.
The depositors have been so advised.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

September 7, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at San Francisco as soon as possible, six dime collars for large ring and twelve for medium ring. Six cent collars for large ring and six for medium ring.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By *[Signature]*
Acting Director.

Sept. 7, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to the report of the Philadelphia Mint for the fiscal year 1917, Engraving Department section, it is requested that explanation be made of the apparent discrepancy of 218 between the total of the tabulated list of coinage dies and the total of the first two items of the recapitulation. It is noted that this is just double the number of dies made for Cuban coinage and that no Cuban coinage was made during the fiscal year.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker, Director of the Mint,

By

J. P. Cheffin
Acting Director.

P. S. - Would be pleased to receive for the report a short statement on the numismatic collection - acquisitions, etc., during the year.

MC

September 8, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of fine gold.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold,
and would thank you to have duplicate assays
made on each sample, reporting the results to
this office and returning the balance of the
samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

W. H. Miller
Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD

1 Enclosure

September 1, 1917.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith Copy of Amendment to the Regulations waiving the restriction as to quantity of silver you are authorized to purchase. I hope this waiver and payment of market price will have the desired effect.

Advise me daily of the quantity of silver you purchase in lots of 10000 ounces or more.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Night Message.

Washington.

September 9, 1917.

U. S. Mints, Philadelphia,
~~New York,~~
~~San Francisco,~~
~~London.~~

All available fine silver or silver suitable for coinage needed for coinage. ~~Give precedence to melting silver bullion for~~
~~coinage.~~ Require depositors of silver for payment in bars to await convenience of refineries far as expedient.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

Handwritten signature

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

September 8, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of
funds to meet the expense of that institution
during the fiscal year 1918, has been approved
in the following sums:

Salaries.....	\$ 5,000.
Wages of Workmen.....	30,000.
Contingent Expenses.....	20,000.
Increase of compensation.....	2,000.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 10, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding you miscellaneous collection of silver coins, the property of J. F. Gates, Internal Revenue Bureau, Treasury Department, and beg to be advised if any of them carry more than bullion value.

Please hold coins intact until I can communicate your reply to the owner and you are advised as to his further wishes.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By *W. McReilly*
Acting Director.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
September 10, 1917.



S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.
San Francisco, Cal.
Denver, Colo.
New Orleans, La.
Carson, Nev.

S.

Assay Office, New York, N. Y.
Seattle, Wash.
Salt Lake, Ut.
Boise, Idaho.
Helena, Mont.
Deadwood, S. D.

encing Tuesday, September eleventh, pay ninety-seven cents
ounce for silver partings.

O'Reilly,
Acting Director.

NESS.

ENT RATES.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

Cont. Exp. - Bureau Mint-1918.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

September 10, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Revised forms 474A and B are being forwarded for use. Not all of the items on form 474A, particularly under the head "Minor", will be pertinent in each instance, but such as are not pertinent need not be used.

Form 474B is intended for use in requesting of the Treasurer of the United States reimbursement of losses on coin transferred for re-coinage.

It is desired that in the future coin received for re-coinage, whether gold, silver or minor, be melted as soon after receipt as convenient, and that only recoinage values be carried into the metal accounts; while differences over transfer values be carried immediately into the accounts and reports either as receivable loss, or as gain. This question has been taken up with the Treasurer's Office, and it is anticipated that they will cooperate in withholding from the Mints coin for re-coinage when there is not sufficient appropriation to meet their estimate of the probable loss thereon. However, the Treasurer's Office has been advised that in cases of emergency when they request delay in melting any particular consignment, we will be pleased to comply with such requests.

If any further information is desired in connection with these matters, the Bureau will be pleased to answer any inquiries submitted.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 12, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of fine gold.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold,
and would thank you to have duplicate assays
made on each sample, reporting the results to
this office and returning the balance of the
samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

W. M. F. J.
Adams Director of the Mint.

FPD

1 Enclosure

September 12, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the eleventh instant in
reference to silver coins, the property of
Mr. J. F. Gates.

Will you please cause a check for
the bullion value of the coins to be mailed
to Mr. J. F. Gates, Internal Revenue Bureau,
Bond Building, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By *M. M. Reilly*
Acting Director.

September 15, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

Zimmerman and Forshay have requested over the phone that they be permitted to deposit with you 100,000 ounces of fine silver at 105 Philadelphia, during the Month of September. They were advised that the silver would be accepted by you; please so inform them.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 13, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the tenth instant with regard to the three-horsepower alternating-current motor desired for Carson City, I beg to confirm conversation had with you yesterday in which it was stated that it was the intention of the Director, when he talked with Superintendent Joyce, to have your Mint obtain this motor and forward it to Carson.

Will you please advise me when it will be ready for shipment.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 13, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please have manufactured and
shipped to the Mint at Denver, as soon
as possible, twelve (12) half-dollar
coin collars for large presses.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 13, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will serve to introduce Mr. R. E. Griggs, representative of the South African Mining Groups Buying Committee.

You recently furnished some data regarding costs of coining and so forth for Mr. Griggs and he now desires to make personal inspection of the Mint.

I will thank you to afford him facilities for making such inspection and to give him any information regarding coinage which can be readily obtained.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 13, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of letter this day forwarded to Mr. R. E. Griggs, Representative of the South African Mining Groups Buying Committee, who will visit your institution on next Monday morning.

The data furnished by you sometime ago for Mr. Griggs has been given to him, with the exception of the blue print showing the outlay of your machinery. It is not deemed wise to furnish blue prints of our institutions to anyone not in authority.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure

September 13, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to confirm conversation had with you this day over the phone, and to say that it is desired that your weighing machines be operated continuously, and other departments run on overtime basis to keep them supplied with half-dollars and quarters. Will you please arrange accordingly?

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 14, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Handy and Harmon will during next week deposit with you one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver.

Please accept same and pay for it at the rate of \$1.07½ per fine ounce, F. O. B., Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 14, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Zimmerman and Forghay will deposit with you on or about October first, two hundred thousand ounces fine silver.

Please accept the deposit and pay for it at the rate of \$1.07 per fine ounce, F. O. B., your mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 14, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Up to and including today the following
deposits of silver have been or will be made in
the Philadelphia Mint:

Date of Offer

September 12.....A. S. & Co...100,000 @ \$1.05
per fine ounce, delivered Mint.
September 12.....Handy and Harmon, 50,000 @
\$1.05 per fine ounce, delivered Mint.
September 12.....Handy and Harmon, 40,000 in
coin @ \$1.05 per fine ounce, delivered Mint.
September 12.....Zimmerman and Forshay 100,000
in coin @ \$1.037 per fine ounce, delivered
Mint.
September 12.....Zimmerman and Forshay, 100,000
coin @ \$1.04 3/4 per fine ounce, delivered
Mint.
September 13.....Handy and Harmon, 100,000 coin
@ \$1.05 per fine ounce, delivered Mint.
September 13.....Zimmerman and Forshay 100,000
coin @ \$1.05 per fine ounce, delivered Mint.
September 14.....Handy and Harmon, 100,000 or
150,000 coin @ \$1.07 1/2 per fine ounce,
delivered Mint.
September 14.....Zimmerman and Forshay, 200,000
@ \$1.07 per fine ounce, delivered Mint.

Some of these amounts may be more or less.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

J. H. Mallin
Acting Director.

September 15, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In my letter to you of the 14th inst., giving you the list of firms and the silver purchases from them for your institution, I failed to include as offered on the 12th inst., 50,000 ounces from the United Metals Selling Company, at \$1.04 per fine ounce.

Please add this amount to your list. As I remember, I furnished you with a copy of the confirmation of this purchase when in Philadelphia a few days since.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

J. M. Chapman
Acting Director.

September 17, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please close out, so far as practicable, the remaining unpaid liabilities against your 1917 appropriations, and cover into the Treasury by the end of the current month the unexpended balances.

Also forward statement of incumbrances remaining unpaid at the time the balances are covered in.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 17, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of fine gold.

Superintendent,

U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD

1 Enclosure

September 17, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing two sheets of original of the bullion account current of that institution for the quarter ending June 30, 1917, carrying pencil notations concerning treatment of the gain on recoinage of old nickel and copper coins. To avoid confusion, it is preferable that the procedure provided for in "Coin for Recoinage" and other accounts be carried through with respect to recoinage gains, as it has been for recoinage loss, even though the metal has been temporarily carried at transfer value, instead of recoinage value as was contemplated.

Memorandum and deposit certificate number 219 are enclosed herewith, - the deposit certificate lacking the Assayer's signature. Memorandum and deposit certificate number 5236 are also enclosed, the name of the depositor being different on the two papers. Assay reports number 5116 and 5337 are enclosed, both lacking the signature of the Assistant Assayer and one the initials of the calculator.

Please forward an "account sales" of old materials covering the value of same taken up during the June quarter \$3,643.13; the bids of Cliggett and Son, Berry and Stuart, and Girard Iron and Metal Company, are present, but nothing to indicate quantities sold.

Herewith find voucher in favor of Wells, Fargo and Company, for transportation of minor coin, in the sum of \$37.50; please attach correspondence tending to prove that the original bill of lading has been lost or destroyed, upon which the Acting Superintendent certified to the form "certificate of shipment".

I am returning herewith letter of J. H. Gautier and Company, dated January 20, 1917, for your files. Please forward Gautier quotation to support April voucher number 693. This letter which was attached to the voucher

carries no price. Please indicate on the enclosed vouchers, number 713, 14 and 15, in favor of Fairmount Foundry Company, the articles purchased.

With reference to April voucher number 727 in favor of the Sun Company, you are advised that an error was apparently made in deducting the discount of 22%, only 2¢ having been actually deducted, leaving error of 20¢ overpaid.

May voucher number 795 in favor of Carborundum Company is not correctly supported by dealer's quotation. The quotation attached is returned herewith as the prices apparently do not pertain to this voucher; please forward correct quotation.

June voucher number 847, in favor of J. H. Decker Son and Company, apparently carries incorrect computations; the second item, 47 dozen pairs gloves at \$15., being computed as \$715. instead of \$705; and third item, 77 3/24 dozen pairs mitts at \$14.50, being computed as \$1,128.10, instead of \$1,118.31, total error \$19.79.

Please forward a sub-voucher to support the amount taken up as collection of telephone commission \$1.27.

Please cover into the Treasury as revenues at anniversary date, the balance of your special deposit account of June 30, \$4,976.79.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

Enclosures

September 17, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with your recommendation contained in your letter of September fifteenth, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the G. E. Stechert and Company, the lower of two bidders, to supply your Mint with the following periodicals at the rates given:

International Journal (Greek).....	\$4.25
Numismatic Chronicle.....	5.00
Revue Numismatique.....	5.00
Revista Italiana di Numismatica...	5.00
Zeitschrift fuer Numismatik.....	4.00

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 17, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

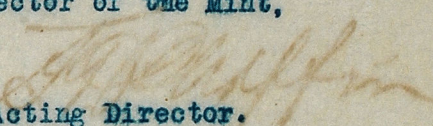
Sir:

I am enclosing herewith assay
coin from delivery 306 and 307, which
should have accompanied form 974, already
returned to your office.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

Enclosure

September 17, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from Handy and Harman as deposit, 100,000 ounces fine silver at \$1.09 $\frac{1}{4}$, and 100,000 ounces at \$1.09 $\frac{3}{8}$, immediate delivery.

From Zimmerman and Forshay 200,000 ounces fine silver at \$1.09 $\frac{1}{4}$, delivery before October 20th.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

September 18, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that on September fifteenth this office authorized Handy and Harman to deposit with you fifty thousand (50,000) ounces fine silver at \$1.07 $\frac{1}{4}$, delivery F. O. B. Mint, Philadelphia, in ten days.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

September 18, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that on this date our office authorized Zimmerman and Forshay to deposit with you three hundred thousand (300,000) ounces fine silver, at \$1.10 $\frac{1}{2}$, delivery F. O. B. Mint, Philadelphia, on or about October first.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 19, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith fifty-one fifty-cent pieces and eight silver dollars, the property of Mr. Delano, a Member of the Federal Reserve Board.

Mr. Delano desires to be advised of the possibility of having the coins cleaned. Before applying any process to the coins, please advise this Bureau of the possibility of improving them and hold for further instructions.

Enclosed you will find list of coins.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

M. McRilly
Acting Director.

September 20, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared, and forward to the Bureau, an invoice covering fifty ounces of proof gold for the Assay Office at New York.

Upon receipt of your invoice a transfer will be requested.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By *M. McReilly*
Acting Director.

September 21, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to letter of this office dated July 10, 1917, you are advised that the Auditor has settled claim of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for transportation of smelting furnace and parts, from Jersey City, May 10, 1917, in the sum of \$37.08, instead of \$39.60, the difference of \$2.52 being disallowed.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 21, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day authorized Handy
and Harman to deposit with you immediately
200,000 ounces fine silver at \$1.15 3/4,
F. O. B. Mint Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 21, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Zimmerman and Forshay have been requested to deposit with you early in October, 100,000 ounces of fine silver at \$1.15 3/4, F. O. B. Mint Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 21, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

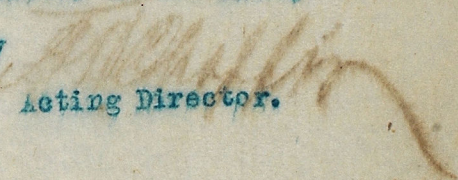
I would thank you to return to this office as soon as possible, the blue prints of the mints at San Francisco and Philadelphia, which blue prints were left with Mr. Hewett some months ago.

If Mr. Hewett has not yet been able to put these on one sheet as suggested, they can be returned to him later.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

September 22, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the twenty-first instant, I beg to state that it is the understanding at this office that a price of 23½ cents has been agreed upon for copper.

It may be that the particular grade of copper in the form required by you is not covered by this price. Will you please ascertain this from the dealers and before awarding bid confer with the Bureau further?

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 22, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter forwarded today to the State Department, which is self-explanatory, and is enclosed for your information.

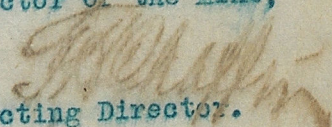
Please proceed as early as practicable with the preparation of 4,000,000 five centavo pieces desired by the Government of Ecuador.

It is understood that the charge for this coinage will be \$4.00 per thousand pieces.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

Enclosure

September 24, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Handy and Harman have been authorized to deposit with you 150,000 ounces fine silver , at \$1.15 3/4, F. O. B. your Mint, delivery within ten days or sooner.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 24, 1917.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of Shipment No. 1, dated September 7th, of unparted bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York, has been examined and the gross value found to be \$26,299.05. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York - gain \$26.92.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

A.H.

September 24, 1917.

Mr. B. Clarke Fowler,
Assistant to the Financial Editor,
The Press,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September twenty-first addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office for answer.

In reply I beg to say that the weight of the Eagle, under the Act of June 28, 1834, was reduced to 256 grains of the fineness of .899235, and contained 232 grains of pure gold. The value of the Eagle was under that Act fixed at \$10.

Under the Act of June 13, 1837, the weight of the Eagle remained the same, but the fineness was brought up to .900.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

September 25, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Zimmerman and Pershay will deposit with you immediately one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces silver at \$1.15, F. O. B. Mint Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 25, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Handy
and Harman will deposit with you within
ten days, one hundred and fifty thousand
(150,000) ounces silver at \$1.15, F. O. B.
your Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 25, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant, I beg to say that there would be no advantage in purchasing copper from the Navy Department, as the price has been fixed at 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

You are authorized to invite bids and requested to forward synopsis of bids to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

[Signature]
Acting Director.

September 26, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September twenty-fifth, I beg to advise you that Zimmerman and Forshay advised this office that they would deposit with you before October fifth, two hundred thousand (200,000) ounces silver at \$1.15 3/4, F. O. B. Philadelphia. This advice was received from them on September twenty-fourth, and on the same day, Handy and Harman advised the Bureau that they would deposit with you within ten days, one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) ounces silver at \$1.15, F. O. B. Mint Philadelphia.

Letters advising you as to these deposits have evidently gone astray.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 26, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the return of letter of James H. Northrup, with your endorsement that there seems to be no reason for refusing permission to photograph certain medals.

This letter is authority for you to permit this to be done, but exposition medals or medals of award for the exposition may not be photographed.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

[Signature]
Acting Director.

September 27, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 8th,
transmitting crude bullion assays:- It
is noted that the proof results are not
given and I would thank you to supply this
deficiency.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

[Handwritten Signature]
Acting Director.

September 27, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith correspondence in connection with supplying the Peruvian Government with an automatic weighing machine and motor.

Will you please advise this Bureau how soon this machine could be prepared for the Peruvian Government in order that reply may be made to the Charge d'Affaires.

Please return the correspondence with your reply.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

J. D. Haffin
Acting Director.

Enclosure

September 27, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

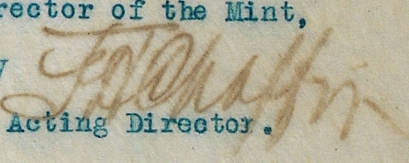
Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September twenty-sixth relative to silver plates requested by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Please proceed with the preparation of the plates and forward them as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By 
Acting Director.

.. Sept. 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Records and Forms.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please furnish this Bureau with a sample sheet of Form 324 -
"Assayer's Register of Ingots" - from the book mailed to you on De-
cember 14, 1916.

The supply of "Bill of Lading" Form 2149, is exhausted, and
copies will be forwarded to you as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

R. T. BAKER,

Director of the Mint.

By

J. P. McPherson
Acting Director.

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September 28, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

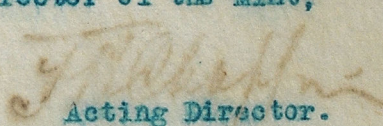
I beg to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the twenty-seventh instant
submitting synopsis of bids for tin and zinc.

You are authorized to accept the
bid of Nathan Trotter on the M. and H. brand
of zinc at 1245¢ per pound and the tin at
6170¢ per pound.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

September 28, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter is authority for you to proceed with the manufacture of 2,000,000 five-centavo nickle pieces for the Government of Peru.

It is understood that the cost of the die for this piece will be \$300., and that the coin is to be composed of seventy-five per cent copper and twenty-five per cent nickel, and the charges for the coinage will be \$4.00 per thousand pieces. The tolerance on this coin is to be seventeen (17) milligrams per piece.

The National City Bank, New York, has been designated by the Charge d'Affaires of Peru to receive and make payment for the coin when completed.

The representative of the Peruvian Government at Washington has been advised, through the Assistant Secretary of this Department, that the preparation of the die will require approximately six weeks and that the coinage cannot be undertaken until late in the year. In the meantime, please do everything possible to expedite the preparation for this coinage.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 28, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at
Denver, as soon as possible, twenty pairs
of quarter-dollar dies.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

September 28, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at San
Francisco, as soon as possible, ten obverse
dime dies.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

October 1, 1917.

Subject: Exchange of Gold.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 72.3 grams. of cornets, for
which I would thank you to return an equivalent
in proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

[Signature]
Acting Director.

FPD

Enclosure

, Oct. 1, 1917.

SUBJECT: Records and Forms.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of Sept. 28, relative to Form 324, in which the assayer is reported as objecting to its amendment, I would state that the size of the leaf - 7 X 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - and the printed headings were adopted after correspondence with other offices.

I have altered it according to the expressed wishes of the assayer, as far as the headings are concerned, but the standard size (7 X 8 $\frac{1}{2}$), having been approved by the Department, should be continued in force, unless the assayer places his objections on record.

The altered Form is enclosed herewith, which you will please be kind enough to return to this Bureau with such comments as you may deem necessary.

Respectfully,

R. T. BAKER,

Director of the Mint.

By

J. H. Chaffin
Acting Director.

Enclosure).

AH-✓

*Approved
See letter to Phila. June 24 1917*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 2, 1917.



Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Authorized to deliver to W. R. Grace and Company
one hundred thousand Peruvian discs. This Bureau
has advised Grace and Company of this authority.

Chaffin

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212B.

October 2, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of October first with reference to shipment number three of unparted bullion transferred to the New York Assay Office, and in which letter you state that the silver contained therein should have been charged at \$0.667355.80, instead of \$0.667356.10 per fine ounce, and valued at \$114,506.79.

The rate as reported and the correct rate will make a difference of only 5¢ and as the transfer order has been issued, please charge the shipment to New York at the amount as stated in said transfer order.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

October 3, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please ship to New York as soon as practicable, approximately one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) ounces of crude bullion for refining.

Please include in this shipment the best bullion you have running high in silver.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.



. October 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer; Redeposits.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Memorandum of shipment No. 2 dated Sept. 12, 1917, of unparted bullion
forwarded by you to the United States assay office at New York City, has been
weighed and the gross value found to be \$10,357.93. For this amount a
transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the assay
office at New York City. Loss \$12.22.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from S. and B. Lederer Company under date of October first.

I am also enclosing your letter of April twenty-seventh, together with a copy of the reply of the Bureau to Lederer and Company dated April thirtieth.

After reading the letter of October first, will you please have compiled and forwarded to the Bureau, with the return of this correspondence, the information requested.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

October 3, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This office is advised by Zimmerman and Forshay that they desire to receive payment for silver shipped to your institution, in New York, by transfer of the funds through the Sub-Treasury in your City, but that you did not feel free to make these transfers without authority from this office.

The matter has been taken up with the Treasurer's Office and they say that there will be no objection to the transfer of these funds in the same manner that funds were transferred for gold which was purchased from J. P. Morgan and Company, New York.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.



October 4, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Handy and Harman will deposit with you
one hundred fifty thousand ounces silver at ninety-
four cents per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint. Prompt
shipment.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

[Signature]
Acting Director.

October 4, 1917.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

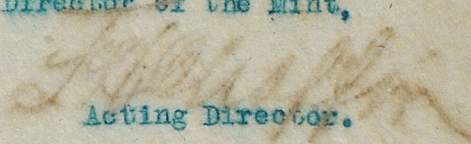
Sir:

Please cause to be forwarded to the
Bureau an invoice covering ten (10) ounces
proof gold for the Assay Office at Seattle, in
order that transfer may be requested.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

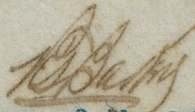
October 5, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks
proof gold sent to the Bureau, in exchange
for 72.3 grams of cornets sent from the Bu-
reau.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

October 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise this office as soon as possible the amount of silver you now have on hand available for coinage and the amount still due on purchases.

Please furnish this information daily, as it is necessary to know exactly how your silver balance stands.

I would also thank you to advise me how much you are now using daily under the present arrangement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Oct 7 1917

Superintendent U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco as soon as possible, twenty (20) pairs half dollar dies, twenty (20) obverse and ten (10) reverse quarter dollar dies, twenty (20) obverse and ten (10) reverse dime dies, also six (6) nickel coin collars for large ring and six (6) nickel collars for medium ring.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

October 8, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Handy and Harman will deposit with you
two hundred thousand (200,000) ounces of silver
at ninety-one and three-quarters cents per ounce,
F. O. B. your Mint. Immediate shipment.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

, October 8, 1917.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer, (Redeposits).

Comptroller, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Memorandum of shipment No. 3, dated September 17, 1917, of unparted
gold forwarded by you to the United States assay office at New York
has been examined and the gross value found to be \$136,792.89.
On this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund
at of the assay office at New York City. Gain \$30.24.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for transportation of envelopes from Richmond, June 17, 1917, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1917 contingent appropriation in the sum of \$1.55.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and
sent to the Bureau an invoice covering ten
ounces of proof gold for the Assay Office
at Deadwood.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

Requisition for advance to you of funds
to meet the expenses of your office 1918, has been
approved in sums as follow:

Salaries.....	\$ 6,000.
Wages of Workmen.....	60,000.
Contingent Expenses.....	10,000.
Increase of Compensation, Treasury Department.....	<u>3,000.</u>
Total.....	\$79,000.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Director of the Mint.

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JHC

October 9, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding under separate cover sixteen bronze medals, in return for which I will be obliged if you will send me one dozen medals of the President, in addition to the three forwarded by you on the eighth instant.

Also please enclose one Paul Jones medal, number one in the list of Navy medals.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to all institutions.

October 9, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith subscription blanks for the Second Liberty Loan and beg to request that the matter be called to the attention of each of the employees of your institution.

This office appreciates the very generous response of the employees of the Mint Service throughout the country when the first Liberty Loan was floated.

It will be of personal gratification to me if every effort is made by you to encourage those who feel able to subscribe to the Second Liberty Loan to do so. These bonds are the same exactly as a gold note, except that instead of being merely currency they carry four per cent interest, which is a higher rate than the average banks pay for savings accounts or deposits.

It is my desire that none of the employees shall feel coerced into subscribing for the bond, but I feel sure that I may count on the loyalty of our service in responding to this appeal of the Government in the usual generous manner.

I shall be glad to have a list of the names of the subscribers.

I am forwarding under separate cover a set of posters which I desire to have you display in conspicuous places in your institution.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

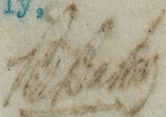
I am enclosing herewith applications and cards to be used by women in their requests for Second Liberty Loan Bonds.

The cards are to be used in case the application is made through the bank of the individual concerned. If any of the women of the Mint desire to make application for the bonds through the Department, please ask that the application be made out on the blank with the blue band in the right-hand upper corner.

I am also enclosing several copies of the "Primer", giving information as to how to buy a Second Liberty Loan Bond.

Please cause this printed matter to be distributed as early as convenient.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

October 10, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith six samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold and for base metal, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying. I would also thank you to include the proof figures and the composition of the proofs in your report.

The approximate compositions of the samples are:

# 1 and 2 -	Gold	810	Silver	225
# 3 and 4 -	"	725	"	240
# 5 and 6 -	"	343	"	445

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

October 10, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the
United Metals Selling Company will deposit
with you immediately, fifty thousand (50,000)
ounces of silver at .9035 per fine ounce,
F. O. B. Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please discontinue the transfer of funds for payment of silver purchases in New York by telegraph.

The Treasurer has advised this office that unless requests for such payments reach him by ten o'clock each morning that they are included in his daily letter and forwarded by mail to New York.

We therefore believe, if you mail your check promptly to the people in New York from whom you are purchasing silver, that they will receive their payments sooner than they are now receiving them under the telegraphic arrangement.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1917.

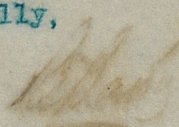
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to refer to my letter of October sixth requesting that you advise this office daily as to your available silver balance and the quantity purchased undelivered.

Answer to this letter has not yet been received and it is very necessary that we have it in order that our purchases may be governed accordingly.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

THE

October 13, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation
of this date, please forward to the Mint at
Denver twenty-five (25) pairs of nickel coin-
age dies.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

On October third this office requested that you forward to Assay Office at New York, as soon as possible, 150,000 ounces of crude bullion for refining and to include in the shipment the best bullion you have in your stock running high in silver.

Will you please advise this office whether you have made this shipment, and if not, how soon it can be made.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant concerning an error of 4¢ in transfer order No. 56735, covering proof gold shipped to the Seattle Assay Office, I beg to suggest that your records be changed to conform with the amount carried by the transfer order, -- \$206.76.

This suggestion is made owing to the small amount of the discrepancy and to the fact that this method of adjusting the matter will cause fewer changes than will any other.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a quarter-dollar from delivery 123, San Francisco Mint. The Assayer of the Bureau reports this coin as .42 below tolerance.

Will you please have the Assayer of your Mint weigh the coin and return it to this Bureau with your report.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

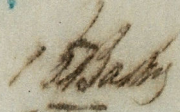
October 16, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded, as soon as possible, to the Mint at San Francisco, twenty (20) pairs of quarter-dollar dies and twenty (20) pairs of dime dies.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

October 16, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

For your information I am enclosing herewith blue print of the one-piece base tiles used in the oil furnaces at Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

J. V. Schaffner
Acting Director.

Enclosure

October 18, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October seventeenth, I beg to state that the Porter safety seals are listed in the General Schedule of Supplies, a copy of which I am forwarding to you in this mail.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

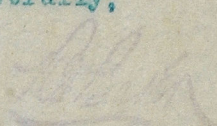
October 18, 1917.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 25.45 ounces of silver
reduced from chloride, for which I would
thank you to return an equivalent in gran-
ulated silver for parting.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

October 19, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter received from the Consul General of Peru relative to the preparation of blank discs for the one and two-centavo pieces of Peru.

The letter of July nineteenth, nineteen sixteen, to which the Consul General refers, embodied the information in your letter of July eighteenth, nineteen sixteen. You will note that the letter of July nineteen sixteen quoted on the manufacture of coins, and this inquiry of October sixteenth refers to the preparation of blank discs.

Please give me the necessary information to reply to the Consul General.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

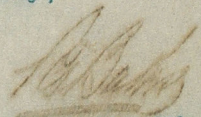
October 20, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Owing to delay in reporting by San Francisco on the assay of fine gold samples, the packages of returned material were not opened until this morning when it was found that you had not enclosed any cornets with samples #25 - 32.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

October 20, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter received from the Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, relative to the equipment of a mint at Manila, on the basis of the coinage indicated.

Will you please make the best estimate you can upon the amount of machinery needed and the cost of the same.

It is appreciated that this estimate can only be a vague one, but it will be a basis for a closer calculation by the War Department.

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York has been requested to make the estimate for the electrolytical refinery machinery.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

October 19, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Iselin and Company will deposit with you as soon as possible, one hundred thousand (100,000) pesos, - approximately eighty thousand ounces of fine silver, - at eighty-three and three-eighths (83-3/8) cents per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint, subject to the usual charges.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

October 22, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

In order to fill up the gaps in the series of assays of fine gold recently reported by you, I now enclose all that is left of the samples and would thank you to have the necessary assays made and report to this office with return of the samples.

I am also enclosing a sample #33 to be assayed for gold once.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

FPD

October 24, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming my telephone message of
this day, please forward to Denver as soon as
possible fifteen (15) pairs of quarter-dollar
dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

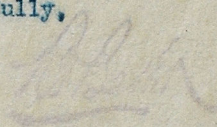
October 24, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of the 22nd instant
I beg to confirm telephone message stating that the
International Nickel Company would furnish nickel to
your Mint at the rate of \$0.4018 per pound.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have sent to you under separate cover
five medals for which I will thank you to send
to this Office the following medals:-

One Washington (presidential medal).
Two Von Engelken medals.
One Departute of the Fleet Medal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 25, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find two bills of Wells, Fargo
and Company, Express, for transportation of minor
coin from the Philadelphia Mint in August and Sep-
tember, payable in sums of \$860.91 and \$2,165.26.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

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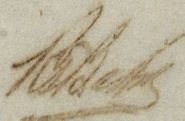
October 27, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The American Smelting and Refining
Company will deposit with you promptly one
hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver
at eighty-five (85) cents per ounce F. O. B.
your Mint.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

October 27, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The United Metals Selling Company
will deposit with you promptly fifty thousand (50,000) ounces of silver at eighty-four and four-tenths ($84\frac{4}{10}$) cents per ounce,
F. O. B. your Mint.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

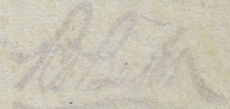
Oct 27 1917

Superintendent U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded
to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco as soon as
possible, twenty (20) pairs of dies for one cent
bronze pieces.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

FHC

October 29, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at Denver
twenty (20) pairs of One-Cent coinage dies as
soon as possible.

Respectfully,

J. H. Miller
Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Zimmerman and Forshay will deposit with
you within ten days, one hundred thousand ounces
of silver at ninety-four cents per ounce, F. O. B.
your Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

W. H. Hall
Acting Director.

October 30, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

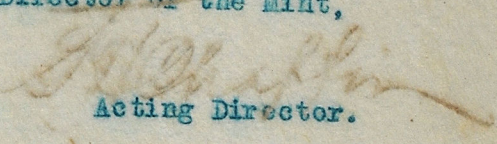
Sir:

I have this day purchased from the
American Smelting and Refining Company, one
hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver
at ninety-three and one-eighth ($93\frac{1}{8}$) cents
per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

October 30, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

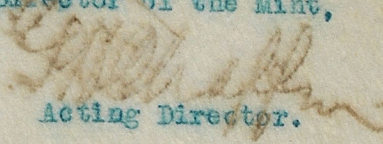
Sir:

The United Metals Selling Company
will deposit with you fifty thousand (50,000)
ounces of silver, immediate shipment, at ninety-
two and eight-tenths (92-8/10) cents per ounce,
F. O. B. your Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

October 30, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

A. Iselin and Company will deposit with
you 200,000 pesos, or approximately 156,000 ounces
of silver, at 91.85 cents per ounce, F. O. B. your
Mint, less the usual charges.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

[Signature]
Acting Director.

November 1, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Zimmerman and Fershay will deposit with you, within two weeks or less, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of silver at ninety-two and three-quarters (92-3/4) cents per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please prepare and forward to the
Assay Office at New York crude silver bul-
lion approximating three hundred thousand
(300,000) ounces.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1917.

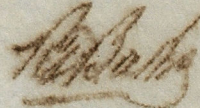
The Superintendent,
U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to confirm verbal request made yesterday that you forward to the Bureau one silver and one bronze Wilson medal, with an account for the same against Honorable John Skelton Williams.

I have further to request that you forward to the Bureau six additional medals of the President, in exchange for bronze medals herewith.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1917.

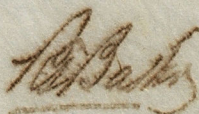
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October twentieth, you are hereby authorized to accept the bid of the Bell Coal Company, Philadelphia, for furnishing your Mint with 400 tons of bituminous coal for the month of November, at the rate of \$7.05 per ton gross.

The question of awarding a bid for the balance of the fiscal year will be taken up with the Coal Committee and you will be advised of the decision reached.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Handy and Harman will deposit with you within ten days, one hundred thousand ounces of fine silver and fifty thousand ounces of Mexican pesos at ninety-one and three-quarters cents per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint, the fifty thousand ounces of pesos to be subject to the usual melting and refining charge.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 2, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

Under date of October twenty-third the State Department transmitted a request from the Minister of Ecuador that there be coined for his Government 1,980,000 nickel five-centavo pieces, in addition to the 4,000,000 pieces already authorized.

It is understood that this coinage is not to be undertaken until late in the year or early in the coming calendar year.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1917.

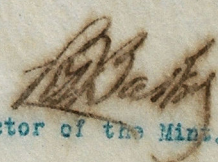
SUBJECT: Printing of Forms.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith sample of Form 854 - "Weigher's Account of nickel planchets received and nickel coin delivered"; Form 129 - "Assayer's Memorandum of silver purchases"; Form 385 - "Register of Assays"; Form 162 - "Report of delivery of Ingots and Clippings"; Form 195 - "Assayer's Memorandum of Gold deposits"; Form 207 - "Earnings and Expenditures"; forwarded with your requisition of Sept. 25, 1917, with the information that they have been abolished for a number of years.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

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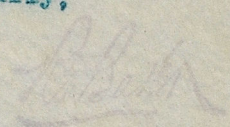
November 3, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of November 1st, advising you of the purchase of one hundred thousand ounces of silver from Zimmerman and Forshay at ninety-two and three-quarters cents per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint, I beg to advise you that this amount should have been one hundred and fifty thousand instead of one hundred thousand ounces.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

November 3, 1917.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Consul General of Peru relative to the manufacture of twenty and ten centavo pieces for his Government.

On July 17th you forwarded to the Bureau an estimate upon the cost of executing this coinage. Will you now send to the Bureau an estimate of the cost of manufacturing the coins, exclusive of supplying the metal.

I will withhold response to the Consul General's letter pending the above estimate from you, and will be obliged if you will give the matter prompt attention.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding bill of
Wells, Fargo and Company for settlement,
covering transportation of minor coin dur-
ing the month of July.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure

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November 5, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of October 22nd and copy of reply made thereto by this Bureau to Dorsey and Cole, together with a copy of letter received from that firm today, will you please oblige Mr. Dorsey by giving him information he seeks when he calls upon you.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

November 5, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter from
G. Amsinck and Company relative to Salvador coinage.

Please give the Bureau the necessary information to make reply to this letter, basing your estimate upon having the metal delivered to you by the Salvador agent.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

C O P Y .

G. AMSINCK & CO., INC.,
P. O. Box 142,
New York.

November 3, 1917.

Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

C/o Office of the
Director of the Mint.

Dear Sirs:

We beg to refer to our order CA-62658 calling for $1\frac{1}{2}$ million five centavo nickel pieces for the Government of Salvador, composed of 72% copper and 28% nickel, diameter of coins 23 milimeters, weight of coins 5 grams.

The Government of Salvador wants to place another order with you for $2\frac{1}{2}$ million of these same five centavo nickel pieces, and we would like you to wire us collect, addressed to our Central American Department, the price per thousand pieces and also the probable time of delivery.

Yours very truly,

G. AMSINCK & CO., INC.,
By P.V.

November 5, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that A. Iselin and Company will deposit with you promptly, 500,000 pesos approximating 390,000 ounces of silver, at .879 per ounce, P. G. B. your Mint, and subject to the usual charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

November 6, 1917.



Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Forward Mint San Francisco soon as possible twenty reverse quarter
dollar, twenty pairs of dime, twenty pairs one-cent dies. Mint at
Denver twenty-five pairs one-cent dies.

Baker
Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

Cont: Expenses - Mint Bureau - 1918:
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

November 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Owing to the increasing demands for minor coins, I would thank you to advise this office whether or not you deem it practicable to confine Sunday coinage to minor coin exclusively.

If you do not consider such coinage practicable, to what extent can minor coin be coined, favoring it against subsidiary silver? It is appreciated that the demand for subsidiary silver coin is also exceedingly heavy, but we are in a little better shape so far as those coins are concerned than in the case of minor coins, and an extra day's coinage favoring minor will help out materially.

Please give me your views on this matter, keeping in mind that it is not intended you shall make changes in your present coinage arrangements, as suggested, if by doing so the best results will not be obtained in coinage of both subsidiary and minor coin.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

J. P. Chaplin
Acting Director.

November 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telegram of this date, please forward to the Mint at San Francisco, as soon as possible, 20 ~~pairs~~ reverse quarter-dollar dies, 20 pairs of dime dies, 20 pairs of one-cent dies; and to the Mint at Denver, 25 pairs of one-cent dies.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

J. H. Chapman
Acting Director.

November 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at Denver, as soon
as possible, 12 obverse and 8 reverse quarter-dollar
dies.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

J. M. Chaplin
Acting Director.

November 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad
Company for fare of Superintendent Joyce to San Fran-
cisco and return, August 30, 1917, has been forwarded
to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your
1918 Contingent Appropriation in the sum of \$133.95.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

November 7, 1917.

Honorable A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

This letter will be handed to you by
Judge Jose G. Hernandez, Chief Justice of the Supreme
Court of Porto Rico, who is desirous of visiting your
institution.

Any courtesies that you may extend
Judge Hernandez will be appreciated by this office.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By

F. W. Chapman
Acting Director.

November 7, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November sixth, stating that you have ready for shipment to the Carson City Assay Office, one gas melting furnace and one 3 HP, 220 volt, cycle alternating motor, I beg to request that you forward the same on Government bill of lading over any route you deem advisable as freight rates are the same on any of the lines going West, and no saving would result in having the Quartermaster handle this shipment.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

J. W. Hall
Acting Director.

November 8, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October thirtieth, submitting synopsis of bids for coal, I have to request that you confer with Mr. William Potter, of the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, a representative of the Fuel Administration, relative to the prices in your letter quoted by the Bell Coal Company to you.

Please call his attention to the bid being made upon gross tons of bituminous coal. Ascertain from him the price which should be paid for this coal and state whether the price quoted is on run-of-mine, lump, or slack coal.

I would be obliged if you will communicate to the Bureau the result of your conference with Mr. Potter.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

, November 8, 1917.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Memorandum of shipment NO. 4, dated Oct. 9, 1917, of unparted
bullion forwarded by you to the United States assay office at New York
City, has been examined and the gross value found to be \$512,278.83.
On this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund
that of the assay office at New York City. Gain \$8.78.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that office during the fiscal year 1918, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries.....	\$ 5,000.
Wages of Workmen.....	70,000.
Contingent Expenses...	15,000.
Increase of Compensation.....	4,000.
Total.....	\$94,000.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith blank
forms (exemption certificates) to be used
by you in case of travel on Government ac-
count.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

November 9, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your two letters of the sixth instant, relative to machinery now at your mint which is not of use to you and can be utilized by the Mint at Denver, you are hereby authorized to prepare the same for shipment on Government bill of lading and forward over any route you deem expedient.

This machinery is understood to consist of the following:

- 2 rolls, driven by 25 HP motor, 9 in. diameter roll face.
- 1-15 volt, 1500 ampere motor Generator set, for refining work. 1 four panel switchboard and cables complete.
- 2 Upsetting machines, with motors.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise this office as to the manner in which you handle Mexican pesos, and whether you find that they contain gold in quantities that would make them objectionable for recoinage purposes.

The Superintendent at San Francisco advises me that he finds the bullion to contain gold in quantities from one to two and one-half ounces to ten thousand ounces of silver, and considers it unfit for coinage purposes unless refined.

Please also advise me whether in your institution such metal is cast into ingots or bars on the original melt. The Superintendent at San Francisco has been advised that if the metal is not otherwise unfit for coinage purposes the gold content can be reduced by the addition of fine silver to an extent where it would hardly be perceptible, or at least not objectionable.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

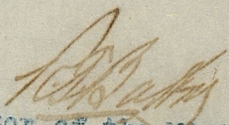
November 10, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be forwarded to
the Bureau an invoice covering fifty (50)
ounces of proof gold for the mint at San Fran-
cisco.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau understands that it is your practice to make payment for deposits of gold by check on the Treasurer of the United States in all cases where coin is not actually demanded.

This letter is being written for the purpose of urging you to make every effort to avoid paying gold coin for deposits of bullion.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

November 14, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter received through the Federal Reserve Board from the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, relative to the disposal of one million dollars in uncurrent gold coin.

I have advised the Federal Reserve Board that this will be received and treated by you as a deposit of uncurrent gold coin.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 15, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copies of correspondence relative to the treatment of silver scrap to be sent to you from the Rock Island Arsenal.

Please comply with the request of the Ordnance Department at your convenience.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Enclosures

November 16, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the fifteenth instant, enclosing a copy of letter from Mr. William Potter, Federal Fuel Administrator for Pennsylvania, relative to the price of coal.

You are hereby authorized, in accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October thirtieth, to accept the bid of the Bell Coal Company, Philadelphia, for furnishing three thousand (3,000) tons of coal during the balance of the fiscal year, at the rate of \$7.30 per gross ton, with the understanding that this price shall be subject to increase or decrease contingent upon any changes that may be made in freight rates, wage scales, and so forth.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 19, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please observe the following with respect to future transfers of crude bullion; it is a copy of a letter addressed to the minor offices of the service under date October 22, 1915, and not sent you at that time as you were not then making such transfers.

"Until further directed you will please take into your accounts the usual entries incident to the receipt of transfer orders on shipments of bullion, at the time notice arrives from the receiving office as to the values thereat determined, considering the transfer orders subsequently received as merely confirmatory of past completed transactions. This will permit the accounts to show completion of the transactions at as early dates, and as between institutions as nearly simultaneously, as possible. All bullion reported upon by the receiving office during a quarter should be taken out of your accounts for the same quarter, as it will be taken into the accounts of the receiving office at the time reported upon. So far as practical please avoid making shipments near the close of a quarter, thus eliminating the probability that the receiving office will be unable to make report by the close of the quarter and reducing to a minimum the bullion in transit at the time of rendering accounts. No bullion should be in transit at the close of a fiscal year."

Respectfully,

W. C. C. H. H. H.
Director of the Mint.
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November 19, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and
forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco,
twenty (20) pairs of one-cent dies.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By

J. H. Chapman
Acting Director.

November 20, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

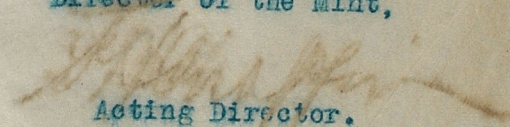
Referring to daily telegraphic advices to this office as to coinage operations, please use the Treasurer's Code and send message at night rates.

It is desirable that the message first show deliveries, second disbursements, third balances, and fourth unfilled orders. It is only necessary to show the amounts of denomination in thousands and hundreds of dollars.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

November 21, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming recent conversation with you and telephone advice, I beg to hereby authorize you to enter into formal contract with the Scovill Manufacturing Company for supplying your Mint with blanks for the five-cent and one-cent coinage.

It is understood that the rate to be paid for copper blanks is 45¢ per pound and for nickel blanks 55¢ per pound, delivered to your Mint.

Please forward the contract to the Bureau in triplicate for approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

By

November 21, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please prepare on forms number 61 and 637 and forward so as to reach this office on or before December twelfth, the usual statement of gold and silver in fine ounces received at that institution during the eleven months ending November 30, 1917, with estimated quantities expected to be received in the month of December. This is desired in order that this office may estimate the production of gold and silver during the calendar year 1917.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Similar letter to all institutions.

November 22, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

The figures as received from you by telegraph concerning your daily coinage operations do not seem to agree with the figures that appear on your Cashier's Daily Statement for the same date.

The figures desired by telegraph are the deliveries, payments, balances and overdrafts, as appear on your Cashier's Daily Statement for the same date as your telegram.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, as soon as possible, 20 obverse dime dies, 10 reverse dime dies, 10 obverse one-cent dies, and 20 reverse one-cent dies.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

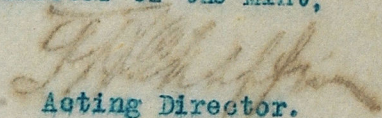
Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded
to the Mint at Denver, twenty (20) pairs of one-cent
dies, as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,

By


Acting Director.

November 26, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

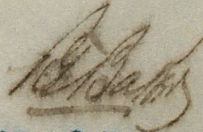
Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 8th, giving an estimate on the cost of equipping a mint at Manila, I beg to call your attention to the fact that your estimate covered an annual output of five million pieces of 50-centavos, five million pieces of 5-centavos, and ten million pieces of one-centavos.

The Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, requested an estimate on an annual output of 2,500,000 pesos in 50-centavo pieces, 1,250,000 pesos in 20-centavo pieces, 500,000 pesos in 10-centavo pieces, 250,000 pesos in 5-centavo pieces, and 100,000 pesos in 1-centavo pieces. Will you kindly revise the estimate and return to the Bureau at your earliest convenience.

In this estimate please include the cost of equipping an assay laboratory for the Mint at Manila.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to confirm telephone conversation of this morning requesting that you forward to the Mint at San Francisco, twenty (20) pairs of 10-centavo dies, and twenty (20) pairs of 20-centavo dies.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 26, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to the schedule of revenues of that office for the month of October, it is noted that the item of gain on shipments is indicated as \$30.29. Our records show that on one shipment there was a gain of \$30.24 and on another a loss of \$12.22; net gain \$18.02.

Explanation is requested of the difference.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

JHC

November 28, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau, an invoice covering approximately fifty (50) ounces of proof gold and one hundred (100) ounces of proof silver, for the Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

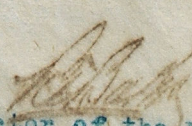
Sir:

Please prepare and forward to the Mints named the following dies for the coinage of the calendar year 1918.

For the Mint at San Francisco and the Mint at Denver respectively:- twenty (20) pairs of each of the following denominations: half-dollar, quarter dollar, dime, nickel, and cent.

In addition to this number, please prepare for the Mint at San Francisco, twenty (20) pairs of 20-centavos and twenty (20) pairs of 10-centavos dies.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

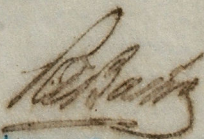
November 28, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November twenty-seventh, you are authorized to accept the bid of Antoine Bournonville upon zinc for 11.45¢ per pound, and the bid of Nathan Trotter and Company for supplying the mint with tin at 81.85¢ per pound.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

640
November 30, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of November
twenty-eighth, ordering dies for San Francisco,
please add to the list of Philippine dies, 20
pairs of 5-centavo and 20 pairs of 1-centavo
dies for 1918.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

420
November 30, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Zimmerman and Forshay will deposit with you, as soon as possible, one hundred thousand (100,000) ounces of fine silver at eighty-six and one-half ($86\frac{1}{2}$) cents per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

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December 1, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to support your bullion accounts for the September quarter, copy of invoice of bullion shipped, also copy of receiver's report. Also have copies of such vouchers forwarded to support future accounts.

Please transfer to the ordinary account and deposit in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipt, the proceeds of D.M.R. sweeps sold and carried into the special deposit account for the September quarter \$3,380.00. This amount should not have been taken into the special deposit account, as will be noted by reference to Bureau letter dated May 11, 1916, foot of page three. It is also noted that the value of D.M.R. grains bar was not taken into the special deposit account for the September quarter. This should be done for each quarter as previously directed.

Deposit certificates number 444, 445, 446, and 447, are enclosed for signature of the Superintendent. Assay reports numbers 61, 1045, 1351, and one sheet of number 36, are enclosed for signature of the Assayer.

With reference to August voucher number 17, please advise me of the capacity in which William Moen signs for A. Barkman.

Voucher number 84 in favor of Joseph P. McHugh for hauling, includes an item of \$3.92 freight paid for transportation of machine from Grand Rapids. Please advise me if this freight is properly payable by the Mint, and if so, why the shipment was not made on Government bill of lading, in order that settlement of freight charges might ~~and~~ be made by the Auditor after verification of the rates charged.

With reference to September voucher number 955, bill for electric current, please provide such further information as will permit verification of the stand-by charge. Also meter readings to support the division between the amount charged to the 1917 appropriation and that charged to the 1918 appropriation. Whenever there is a stand-by charge on future vouchers, please provide such information as will permit verification of same in connection with the contract.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

December 1, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please have prepared and forwarded
to the Mint at Denver 35 reverse one-cent
dies, 80 obverse one-cent dies, 13 one-cent
collars for large presses, and 6 one-cent col-
lars for small presses.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

December 3, 1917.

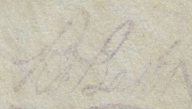
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith collection of foreign coins which were left at the Bureau by a representative of the American Red Cross Society.

Will you please submit the coins to Mr. Comperette and advise the Bureau if the coins have other than bullion value? If they have bullion value only, please forward to Mrs. Clarence Edwards, 1731 Twenty-First Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., a check for the proceeds, after the coins have been melted, notifying the Bureau when this has been done.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

December 4, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for
Billman accommodations furnished Superintendent Joyce,
from St. Paul to Vancouver, on August 31, 1917, has been
forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to
your current contingent appropriation in the sum of \$11.00.
Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver advises this office that he has in that institution one hand-feed sandpapering machine and a number of rolls of sand paper, for which he has no use.

Please advise this office whether this machine can be used by you.

I am enclosing a cut of the machine, and if the same cannot be used by you, kindly return the cut to this office.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

THE

December 5, 1917.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Joyce:

The Auditor for the Treasury Department has invited attention to a charge by the railroad company of \$7.50 fare for a side trip to Grand Canyon, included in the charge for ticket on recent trip to San Francisco and return.

It is understood that you did not actually make this trip and it is requested that you send to this office a letter to that effect to support the Auditor in making disallowance of this amount from the claim of the railroad company.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Handy and
Harman will deposit with you, as soon as pos-
sible, one hundred and fifty thousand ounces
of fine silver at eighty-eight and one-quar-
ter cents per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

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December 4, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of lading, for
and Company, for transportation of
mint coin for the month of October, for
mint in the sum of \$110.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

Nov. 6, 1917.

Subject: Notice of Payment for Bullion Fund Transfer, Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of Payment No. 2, dated Nov. 7, 1917, at Washington
Bullion forwarded by you to the United States assay office at New
York City, has been examined and the gross value found to be
\$447,876.50. For this amount a transfer has been requested
from your bullion fund to that of the assay office at New York
City. Cash \$447,876.50.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Handy and
Hartman will deposit with you, as soon as pos-
sible, one hundred and fifty thousand ounces
of silver bullion at eighty-eight and one-eighth
per cent per ounce; U. S. M. M. It
necessarily, part of this purchase to be made up
of Mexican pesos.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Zimmerman and Torshay will deposit with you, as soon as possible, one hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at eighty-eight and one-half cents per ounce, I. O. B. your Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two specimens of the copper coins of Costa Rica, to be placed in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

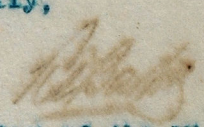
December 8, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter of December seventh, relative to the Jones and Lamson automatic turret machine, I beg to advise you that under date of December fifth the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver was directed to forward to your Mint the lathe. He was advised that the cost of packing and shipping would be a proper charge against your appropriation for contingent expenses.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Zimmerman
and Forshay will deposit with you, as soon as
possible, one hundred thousand ounces of fine
silver at eighty-eight and one-half cents per
ounce, F. O. B. your Mint.

Respectfully,

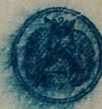

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

BE WRITTEN:

Washington,



December 10, 1917.

Supr., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Forward to Mint San Francisco twenty pairs one-cent
dies, ten reverse quarter-dollar dies.

Director.

BUSINESS
UNIT DATES.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR 1918. - Director of the Mint 1918.

The appropriation from which payment was made is hereby stated as above.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2124

December 10, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that office during the fiscal year 1918, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries.....	\$ 5,000.
Wages of Workmen.....	70,000.
Contingent Expenses.....	5,000.
Increase of Compensation.....	4,000.
Total.....	\$84,000.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Referring to my letter of December sixth, requesting you to accept from Handy and Harman one hundred and fifty thousand ounces of silver at eighty-eight and one-quarter cents per ounce, I beg to advise you that Handy and Harman have informed me that about one-third of this shipment will be in the form of Mexican silver dollars and subject to the usual refining charge.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter of December seventh with reference to hand-feed sandpapering machine, I beg to advise that I have this day requested the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver to prepare and ship this machine to you, as early as practicable, and that these charges will be payable from your appropriation for contingent expenses 1918.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

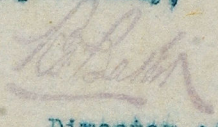
December 10, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Zimmerman
and Forshey will deposit with you, as soon as
possible, one hundred thousand ounces of fine
silver at eighty-eight and one-quarter cents
per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith package of mutilated silver coins, received from the M. & F. Bank of Shugloek, Mississippi, and sent to this office by the Treasurer's Office. Please forward check to that bank for bullion value of same.

This office has no correspondence in regard to the package and it is presumed that the M. and F. Bank is the Merchants and Farmers Bank.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

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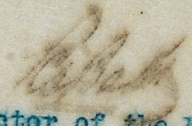
December 11, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find for settlement two
bills of Wells, Fargo and Company for trans-
portation of minor coin in the months of
August and September in the sums of \$51.10
and \$1137.86.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.


Enclosure

, Dec. 11, 1917.

SUBJECT: Records and Forms.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please furnish this Bureau with three (3) copies of Form 1022, -
"Certificate of Weight and Postage Registered Mail" - if you can spare
them.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

AAH- ✓



December 13, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Handy and Harman
will deposit with you one hundred and fifty thousand
ounces of silver at eighty-eight and three-eighths
cents per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint; prompt shipment.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

December 13, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that Zimmerman and
Forshay will deposit with you one hundred thousand
ounces of silver at eighty-eight and one-quarter
cents per ounce, F. O. B. your Mint; prompt shipment.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

JHC

December 13, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

I am enclosing herewith blank forms issued by the War Industries Board of the Council of National Defense, with the request that you forward the same to the Scovill Manufacturing Company, in compliance with their letter addressed to you under date of December seventh.

The correspondence of the Scovill Manufacturing Company and the Waterbury Farrell Machine Company is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

Dec 14 1917

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from the American Smelting and Refining Company one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at eighty eight and one half cents per fine ounce f.o.b your institution. Delivery to be made promptly.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. ...
Director of the Mint.

THC

Dec 14 1917

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from Handy and Harman one hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver at eighty nine and one-quarter cents per fine ounce f.o.b. your institution. Delivery to be made promptly.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]
Director of the Mint.

PHC

December 15, 1917.

Subject: Exchange of gold.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 75.1 grams of cornets, for which
I would thank you to return an equivalent in
proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

December 15, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant enclosing granulated silver equivalent to the 20.65 ounces of silver reduced from chloride received from the Bureau, and to thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "H. W. Beckwith", written in a cursive style.

Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I beg to confirm telephone communication
of this date authorizing you to purchase from
Nathan Trotter 15,000 pounds of ingot copper
for the minor coinage.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

December 17, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

This letter is in confirmation of verbal request made to-day that you send to the Mint at San Francisco five pairs of one-centavo dies for the Philippine coinage of 1917. I will be obliged if you will hasten the dies that they may reach San Francisco to used the last days of the month.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

Dec 17 1917

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from Handy and Harman one hundred
and fifty thousand ounces fine silver at eighty nine
cents per fine ounce f.o.b. your institution. Delivery
to be made promptly.

Respectfully yours,


Director of the Mint.

PEC

December 17, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Under date of September 22nd you were authorized to prepare for the Government of Ecuador 4,000,000 five centavo pieces of nickel. Under date of November 2nd a further order of 1,930,000 pieces of the same denomination was sent to you. On June 5th, Amsinck & Co. were advised of the amount of metal required for the 4,000,000 pieces, in accordance with your letter of June 2nd, 1917.

As this coinage is to be undertaken as soon as the demand for our own coinage will permit, I would thank you to advise me what amount of metal will be required for the both orders, or, for the coinage of 5,198,000 pieces of five centavo nickel pieces. As soon as I have this information from you I will request that the metals be delivered to you by the agent of the Government of Ecuador, namely, G. Amsinck & Co.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from the American Smelting
and Refining Company 100,000 ounces of silver
purchased this day for delivery to your Mint at
\$0.88-1/4 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1917.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of the 17th instant
I beg to say that you are authorized to accept the
bid of Antoine Bournonville to supply your Mint with
40,000 pounds of high grade zinc at the rate of
11.25 cents per lb.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of today authorizing you to make payment of salaries and wages on the 22nd instant to all who may desire the same. Such payments must not exceed the amount due to include the 22nd instant.

You are also authorized to excuse all who can be spared at noon on December 24th and at noon December 31st.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

December 20, 1917.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to proceed to Nashua, New Hampshire, for the purpose of inspecting Knuckle Joint Embossing and Coining Presses owned by the Grover File Company, with a view to purchasing the same for the Philadelphia Mint.

You are further authorized to have Mr. Clifford Hewitt, Superintendent of machinery, accompany you on this visit of inspection.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel- and those of Mr. Hewitt ing and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1918."

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Approved:


Assistant Secretary.

Dec. 21, 1917.

Superintendent, U. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. ✓
" " " " San Francisco, Cal.
" " " " Denver, Colo.
" " " " U. Assay Office, New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Please advise whether it is customary when making coin or bullion shipments between your institution and other mints or assay offices, for you to immediately advise the Secretary of the Treasury (Division of Public Monies) of such shipment and the value of the same so that it may be insured. If not will thank you to cause the following instructions issued by this office to the Assay Offices under date of March 9, 1916, covering insurance to be followed:-

"Officers in charge of Mint and Assay Offices will immediately upon making a shipment advise the Secretary of the Treasury (Division of Public Monies) that such shipment is being made on that day by registered mail and the value of the same. This advice governs the date the insurance becomes effective and the amount for which the shipment is insured."

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

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Dec 22 1917

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from Handy and Harman one hundred and twenty
fivethousand ounces of fine silver at the rate of ninety one and
one-half cents or five ounces f.o.b. your institution. Ship-
ment to be made promptly.

Respectfully yours,


Director of the Mint.

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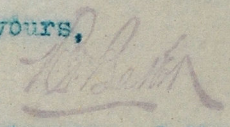
Dec. 24, 1917

Superintendent U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from Zimmermann and Forshay one hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at the rate of ninety one and one-half cents per fine ounce f.o.b. your institution.

Respectfully yours,


Director of the Mint.

FHC

December 26, 1917.

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

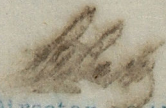
The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Consul General of Peru, accepting the terms upon which cylindrical steel pieces shall be made for the Peruvian Government at your Mint, as follows:-

500 pieces, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, $2\frac{1}{4}$ diameter,
at the rate of \$1.00 each.

500 pieces 2" diameter and $1\frac{1}{2}$ " high,
at the rate of \$0.60 each.

The Consul General requests to be advised when this order can be completed so that the necessary steps may be taken to reserve space on the steamer and obtain the required shipping permit. Please inform the Bureau.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

December 26, 1917.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I am enclosing herewith a certified check for \$1,000, forwarded by the firm of Loft, Inc., New York City, to whom you recently sent one cent pieces.

Will you please cause the equivalent of this check to be sent to the firm named as soon as possible.

Respectfully,



Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec 26 1917

Superintendent L. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise me approximately how much more crude bullion
you have on hand that will be available for shipment to New York
when needed.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

REC

Dec 28, 1917

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from Handy and Harman One hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at the rate of ninety one and three quarters cents per fine ounce f.o.b. your Institution.

Respectfully yours,


Director of the Mint.

FHC

December 29, 1917.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I have your letter of the 22nd relative to Mr. Charles S. Garrison, who is desirous of obtaining a position as buyer of horses.

Will you please advise Mr. Garrison to address a letter to Major Channing, Remount Division, War Department, and let me know when this has been done.

When Mr. Garrison's application reaches the War Department I will be very glad to do anything I can for him on your account.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 28, 1917.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the information contained in your letter of the 26th instant I have to-day advised G. Arsinck & Company that the following amount of metal will be required for the coinage of 5,980,000 five centavo pieces for the Government of Ecuador:-

5,980,000 five centavo pieces weighing three grams each will take 9,667.5029 avoirdupois pounds of nickel (99 nickel-cobalt contents) and 29,662.5086 avoirdupois pounds of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents).

Arsinck and Company have been informed that it will be necessary for them to have the metal delivered to the Mint before the coinage can be begun.

Respectfully,


Director of the Mint.

Dec. 31, 1917

Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please accept from Handy and Harman one hundred thousand ounces of silver at the rate of ninety-two and one half cents per fine ounce f.o.b. your institution.

Respectfully yours,



Director of the Mint.

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